

Public Health Council

Executive Committee

Friday, December 18, 2015
1 West Wilson, Room 250-D
9:00 – 10:30a.m.

Executive Committee:

Bill Keeton, Mary Dorn, Dr. Gary Gilmore, Dr. Darlene Weis

Div. of Public Health Staff:

Mimi Johnson, María M. Flores

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

November 13, 2015 Minutes

- Dr. Darlene Weis moved to approve the minutes
- Dr. Gary Gilmore seconded

Review of December 4, 2015 draft minutes

- Tabled until January 2016
- Dr. Gilmore and María M. Flores will edit these.

Proposed 2016 Calendar

- Regular meeting times should be established by Committee Chairs

Discussion about moving in-person meetings to different locations in Wisconsin:

- Madison meetings make it easier to get staff to attend.
- Is there a rationale to go to a different site?
- It is good for the Council to get out, especially when a meeting was held at the Marshfield Clinic.
- Any change in venue will be up for discussion and a vote.
- Could be times when it is beneficial to the work of the Council and to the health of the state to be in other locations, especially if there is an event taking place that would align with Council's mission.
- Look into holding a meeting at the Wisconsin Homeland Security Office.

Dr. Gary Gilmore move to approve the 2016 calendar.

Dr. Darlene Weis seconded.

CLAS STANDARDS ADOPTION

Bill Keeton stated that there was good conversation in the Council meeting about CLAS. Members would need to be mindful of any requirements that would go with this.

- Mary Dorn stated that CLAS could be part of the Council's Strategic plan to adopt or endorse the CLAS Standards.
- Dr. Darlene Weis expressed reluctance in adopting the CLAS Standards.
- Dr. Gary Gilmore stated that there is no question that the intent is supported; he suggested getting advice on best verbiage from the Office of Legal Counsel.
- Bill Keeton welcomes any wording to support the intent of adopting the CLAS Standards. He will work with Mimi Johnson and María M. Flores on appropriate language.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE NEXT STEPS

At the December 4, 2015 Council meeting, Chair Dale Hippensteel raised the issue about the future of this Committee and how to best utilize its members time. There is concern about slower and duplicated efforts in light of the Division having its own state-wide Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee.

Dr. Gary Gilmore stated that it is critically important that the work of this committee continue, and that the Council receives consistent updates. This committee can give a clearer understanding of urgent matters in public health, health care, and homeland security. Uniform communication is absolutely essential. The Council is charged with tracking what is happening with emergency preparedness statewide, particularly in public health, health care, and with the state-wide Department of Homeland Security. He advocated for another opportunity to visit the Wisconsin Department of Homeland Security. We also must consider communication within the Department.

Mary Dorn suggested keeping this committee with a clear delineation of the charge, perhaps examining it anew. It may be a good idea for a designated group (this committee) to sit on the Public health Emergency Preparedness Advisory committee.

Bill Keeton agreed that the role of the Committee and how to wrap this committee into the larger state-wide advisory group need to be examined.

WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

- Vaccine Resolution: look at hospital accreditation standards for broad language regarding exemptions. It will be forwarded to the full Council once we get language.